

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

May 23, 1967

1. Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting held at Grand Terre Marine Laboratory on April 20, 1967. (2)
2. ✓ Appointment of Mr. Leonard New to the position of Chief of the Enforcement Division. (2)
3. ✓ Approval of fencing and removal of livestock on the Red River Wildlife Management Area. (S.M.A.) (3)
4. ✓ Ratification of approval for the issuance of a contract to M.B.M. Construction Company of Baton Rouge for the construction of a headquarters building in Baton Rouge. Bidg. (4)
5. ✓ Approval to relocate 8½ miles of fencing on Saline Wildlife Management Area, located on State Route 28, LaSalle Parish. (A.T. Owens of Winnsboro-Contractor). (S.M.A.) (5)
6. ✓ Ratification of approval of contract on boat launching ramp and parking area on Lake Claiborne, Claiborne Parish to McInnis Brothers, Inc. of Minden. (8)
7. ✓ Ratification of approval of contract on boat launching ramp and parking area on Deer Park Lake in Concordia Parish to Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company of New Roads. (9)
8. ✓ Ratification of acceptance of proposal No. 647 entitled "30,000 Cubic Yards of Clam Shells" (Ratcliff Materials.) (10)
9. ✓ Approval of Humble Oil's request to dredge a canal and slip on State Lease 3498, Well No. 12, Marsh Island, Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, La. (12)
10. Other Business

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, May 22 and 23, 1967.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, May 23, 1967, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

ABSENT: NONE

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and stated that the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of a special meeting held at the Grand Terre Marine Laboratory on April 20, 1967 was dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Thompson then explained that the next item on the agenda concerned the filling of the vacancy for the position of Chief of the Enforcement Division. Chairman Thompson said that the Louisiana Department of Civil Service has notified the Commission of the three top eligible people who passed the examination for the position were Mr. Robert Murry, Mr. Robert Beter, and Mr. Leonard New.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had previously requested the Louisiana Department of Civil Service to submit a list of eligibles for the position of Chief of the Enforcement Division, and

WHEREAS, after the proper examination had been given by the Department of Civil Service, three names were submitted to the Commission as qualified for the position, Mr. Robert Murry, Mr. Robert Beter, and Mr. Leonard New.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby appoint Mr. Leonard New to the position of Chief of the Enforcement Division of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is hereby empowered and authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Richard Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchased 12,600 acres of land in Concordia Parish in December of last year for the purpose of establishing a new wildlife management area. Mr. Yancey explained that the Commission had previously authorized the boundary survey work for this area which is nearing completion and recommended that the Commission now give approval for the fencing and removal of livestock on the area.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchased 12,600 acres of land in Concordia Parish in December of 1966 for the purpose of establishing a wildlife management area, and

WHEREAS, boundary surveys of this tract are nearing completion, and

WHEREAS, greatly increased amounts of browse for deer and mast for other types of forest game can be provided only by fencing the area and removing the livestock, and

WHEREAS, forest lands in northeast Louisiana are rapidly being utilized for agricultural purposes thereby making it mandatory that this area be fully developed as soon as possible for the purpose of increasing the numbers of deer, squirrel, rabbits, turkey, and other wildlife species, and

WHEREAS, reforestation and the full potential of the area for wildlife cannot be realized until the Red River Wildlife Management Area has been fenced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids for the fencing of the Red River Wildlife Management Area, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the owners of livestock on this area be notified and requested to remove same upon completion of this project.

Mr. Yancey then said that on April 27th bids were opened by the Division of Administration for the construction of a district headquarters building in Baton Rouge. A total of eight (8) bids were received with M.B.M. Construction Company of Baton Rouge being the low bidder, in the amount of \$306,880.00. Mr. Yancey explained that the highest bid received was from Bob Finley for \$386,800.00. At the time of the bid opening, the architects for this job, Baker-Mathys Associates were present and have recommended that the Commission accept this bid, since the low bidder is a reputable concern and their bid is in line with the estimated cost of the job.

Mr. Yancey stated that the Commission was polled upon notification from the Division of Administration and recommended that they now ratify their action.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had previously requested that the Louisiana Division of Administration advertise for bids on the construction of the district headquarters building in Baton Rouge and since these bids were opened on April 27, 1967 with a total of eight (8) bids being received,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the Commission action of April 27, 1967 in requesting that the Louisiana State Division of Administration issue a contract to M. B. M. Construction Company of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the low bidder, in the amount of \$306,880.00 for the construction of the district headquarters building in Baton Rouge, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey then stated that on August 23, 1966 the Commission approved the fencing of approximately 20 miles of the Saline Wildlife Management Area and the removal of any livestock thereon. Mr. Yancey explained that subsequently a contract was let to fence most of this area. He said that about eight and a half (8½) miles

of this fence was to be located across the new diversion canal on the north side presently being constructed by the Corps of Engineers and since that time, it has been determined that it would be more feasible to have this cross-fence run along the southwest boundary of the property, along the Saline Bayou. Mr. Yancey stated that this matter, of course, would call for an amendment to the contract to relocate this eight and a half (8½) miles of fencing. The Commission has also received a letter from the contractor, A. T. Owen of Winnsboro, Louisiana, stating that there will be no increase in the cost of fencing to relocate this eight and a half (8½) mile portion to run along the southwest boundary on Saline Bayou. Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission give approval to relocate the fence and also to reaffirm the resolution of August 23, 1966.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has found that it would be more feasible to relocate eight and a half (8½) miles of the fencing project, now in progress, on the Saline Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this portion of the fence was to be located across the new diversion canal which the U. S. Corps of Engineers is presently constructing, and

WHEREAS, the contractor for the fencing, A. T. Owens of Winnsboro, Louisiana has notified the Commission that there would be no additional cost to the Commission to relocate said portion of

fencing to the new location along the Saline Bayou.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to amend the contract with A. T. Owens of Winnsboro, Louisiana, contractor, in order to relocate that portion of fencing which was eight and a half (8½) miles to run across the new diversion canal on the north side of the area, making the new location for the eight and a half (8½) mile portion to be located along the southwest boundary of the property on the Saline Bayou. It is understood that the contractor, A. T. Owens of Winnsboro, Louisiana, will amend the contract without additional cost to the Commission in relocating the fence on the Saline Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby reaffirm the resolution of August 23, 1966 which stated the Commission's intention to construct a livestock proof fence around that part of the Saline Wildlife Management Area lying between Highway 28 and Larto Lake in 1966 and 1967 and that the owners of livestock on this area be notified and requested to remove same by December 31, 1967.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith in order to complete the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's directive as stated above.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Joe Herring for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said that the Louisiana Department of Public Works notified the Commission, by letter dated April 27, 1967, of the tabulation of bids received on the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area to be constructed on Lake Claiborne in Claiborne Parish. Mr. Herring stated that a total of 10 bids were received with McInnis Brothers, Inc. of Minden, Louisiana, being the low bidder, in the amount of \$16,601.20 which is in line with the estimated cost of the project. Mr. Herring said the Commission was polled for approval of the issuance of the contract to McInnis Brothers, Inc. of Minden and requested that the Commission ratify their action.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission previously requested the Louisiana Department of Public Works to advertise for bids on the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Lake Claiborne, in Claiborne Parish for which 10 bids were received.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify their action of May 2, 1967 giving approval to the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to the low bidder, McInnis Brothers, Inc. of Minden, Louisiana, in the amount of \$16,601.20 for the construction of a boat launching

ramp and parking area on Lake Claiborne, in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Herring then said that the Louisiana Department of Public Works also notified the Commission, by letter dated April 27, 1967, of the tabulation of bids received on the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area to be constructed on Deer Park Lake in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. A total of Six (6) bids were received with the low bidder being Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company, Inc. of New Roads, Louisiana, in the amount of \$19,280.00. Mr. Herring explained that the Commission was polled for approval of the issuance of this contract and recommended that the Commission ratify their action.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission previously requested the Louisiana Department of Public Works to advertise for bids on the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Deer Park Lake in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, for which a total of six bids were received.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify their action of May 2, 1967 giving approval to the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to the low bidder, Morrison Engineering and Contracting

Company, Inc. of New Roads, Louisiana, in the amount of \$19,280.00 for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on Deer Park Lake in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Dr. Ted Ford for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. Ford recommended that the Commission ratify the action of the Director in accepting the low bid of four bids submitted on proposal No. 647 entitled "30,000 Cubic Yards of Clam Shells". Dr. Ford explained that this requisition is for clam shells to be planted as oyster cultch in two areas east of the Mississippi River. The bids that met the specifications ranged from a unit price of \$3.77 to \$3.15 per cubic yard. Two bidders each had \$3.15 per cubic yard, the difference in the bids being one expected to complete the job in thirty-five (35) days, while the other required forty-five (45) days. Ratcliff Materials, Inc., P. O. Box 26396, New Orleans, Louisiana, submitted the most favorable bid that met the specifications. The need for urgency in accepting the low bid last week was due to the fact that the job must be completed by June 30, 1967. Dr. Ford said that this project is being carried out under the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development program as Project No. La. 2-54-D and will be on a 50-50 cost sharing basis. The project was set up for \$105,000.00 and Dr. Ford said that it is recommended that a

change order be issued increasing the total cost of the contract from \$95,000.00 to \$105,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is presently in the process of conducting Project No. La.2-54-D which is on a 50-50 cost sharing basis, known as the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Program, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission recently took action in accepting the low bid, from a total of four bids submitted, on the planting of clam shells as oyster cultch in two areas east of the Mississippi River, namely, the Grand Island (Half-Moon) area and the Black Bay Area, and

WHEREAS, the need for this action was necessary due to the fact that the job must be completed by June 30, 1967.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the action of the Director in signing the acceptance of Proposal No. 647 entitled "30,000 Cubic Yards of Clam Shells" to Ratcliff Materials, Inc., P. O. Box 26396, New Orleans, Louisiana, the low bidder, in the amount of \$95,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby direct that a change order be issued to increase the total cost of the contract from \$95,000.00 to \$105,000.00 as originally set up in the project documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger explained that the Commission received a request from Humble Oil and Refining Company for permission to dredge an access route to proposed drilling site on Marsh Island under State Lease 3498, Well No. 12. Mr. Ensminger stated that this request had been examined and found to be feasible provided Humble Oil and Refining Company adheres to certain terms and conditions for the protection and benefit of the wildlife resources in the area.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Humble Oil and Refining Company to dredge an access route to their proposed drilling site on Marsh Island under State Lease No. 3498, Well No. 12, providing said Company is in agreement and adheres to certain terms and conditions for the prevention of pollution and the betterment and protection of our wildlife resources in the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson asked if there was any further business to come before the Commission. There being no further business to be conducted, on motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the meeting was adjourned.

Leslie L. Glasgow
Director & Secretary